

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0010] with the following paragraph:

[0010] Figure 2 shows the amino acid sequence of the wild-type pyruvate carboxylase (SEQ ID NO:19), isolated from ATCC 21253. The specific changes corresponding to the amino acid sequence of the feedback-resistant pyruvate carboxylase (SEQ ID NO:2), isolated from Deposit Number NRRL B-11474, are indicated. ~~comparison of sequences between the wild-type pyruvate carboxylase, isolated from ATCC21253, and the feedback-resistant pyruvate carboxylase (SEQ ID NO:2), isolated from Deposit Number NRRL B-11474.~~

Please replace the paragraph that was added after paragraph [0067], per the Amendment filed August 22, 2003, with the following paragraph:

NRRL B-30293 was deposited on May 30, 2003 at the Agricultural Research Culture Collection (NRRL), International Depository Authority; 1815 North University Street, Peoria, Illinois, 651064 U.S.A. All strains were deposited under the terms of the Budapest Treaty. Deposit Number B-30293 includes a plasmid containing a *Corynebacterium* gene deposited in an *E. coli*. The feedback resistant pyruvate carboxylase gene of the present invention is deposited in both the *Corynebacterium glutamicum* host cell (B-11474) and the *E. coli* host cell (B-30293). The additional *E. coli* deposit (B-30293) was made for ease of extraction and reproduction.